Trade Association Model for Industry Growth

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The basics - structure, leadership, legal status

- Non-profit corporation, member-based
- Members elect 24 member Board annually (3 year staggered terms)
- Board meets quarterly; elects 6 person Executive Committee (officers) to act as Board in between Board meetings
- Board appoints Advisory Committee and University Research Council
- Board hires CEO, who leads and oversees 2.5 additional staff and crafts with Board long range plan, annual goals and budget for Board approval
- IRC 501(c)(6) exempt organization (business association) (not charity)
- No PAC or electoral politics; organization informs members, who may support candidates



The basics – membership and activities

- 225 Member organizations
 - 125 bioscience companies (60% penetration)
 - Biopharma, med device, diagnostic, CRO, eHealth, bioinformatics, clinical innovators
 - Mostly startup, emerging, small and medium; few large
 - Universities and research institutions
 - Professional services, suppliers, finance
 - Annual dues, based on category and number of employees in Virginia
- Programs and services to help member organizations succeed
 - Networking events, educational series, group purchasing discounts
- Efforts to create / sustain conditions in which industry will flourish
 - Follow, attempt to influence state policy "Virginia Bioscience Economy Initiative"
 - Follow and attempt to influence federal policy
 - Support economic development community, intrastate and interstate regionalism



The basics – STEM and Workforce efforts

- Separate non-profit corporation, non-member non-stock
- Recognized as a charitable exempt organization under IRC 501(c)(3)
- Contributions are deductible by donor as charitable contributions
- Operates under an affiliation agreement with VirginiaBio
 - Staffed by Virginia Bio staff
 - Directors of Foundation must be nominated by Virginia Bio board
- STEM strategy: empowering, equipping and enthusing teachers
- Workforce
 - Internship programs and database
 - Counsel and link universities and community colleges



The basics – income and expenses

	Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income		
	4310 · Career Center	
	Royalties	1%
	4900 · In-kind Income	1%
	4000 · Sponsorships	9%
	4100 · Events	34%
	4700 · Dividend Income 4300 · Biopurchasing	1%
	Income	13%
	4500 · Membership Income	41%
	Total Income	100%
Expense		
	5400 · In-kind Expenses 5000 · Administrative	1%
	Expense	13%
	5100 · Personnel Expense	58%
	5200 · Program Expenses	28%
	Total Expense	100%



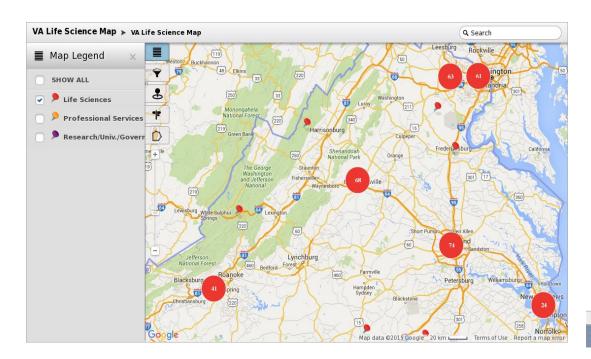
The fun stuff – "the organizations and people who bring biosciences to life for the commonwealth"

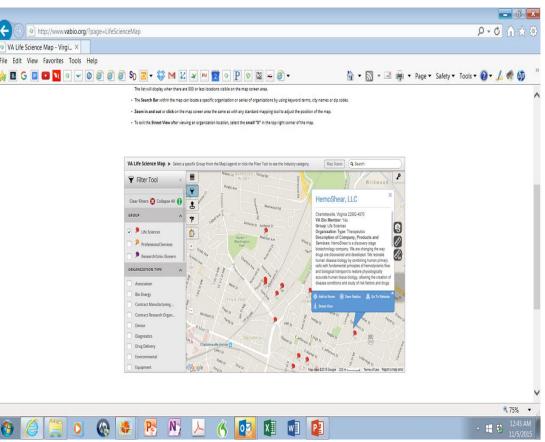




Asset inventory - dynamic interactive accessible web based database / map

Search and Sort by Region, Type of Entity, Field, Key Words, Zoom in



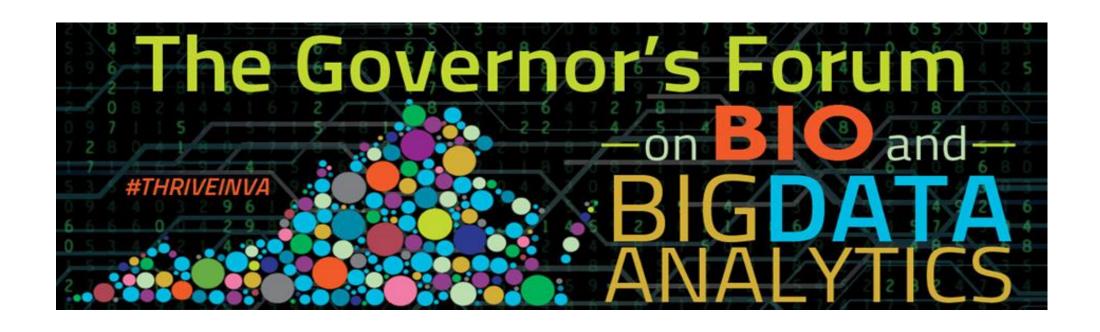




Bringing everyone together with a purpose



Introducing communities for the first time



Creating new ways of thinking about ourselves





New approaches to chronic problems





Weighing + / - of trade association model

- Agile and flexible
- Not bound by slow moving, stalemated political process
- Source of life is industry itself, closer to need, wrestles with the value proposition, driver of lasting progress
- Distance from policy makers provides greater range of motion in proposing / opposing policies
- More freedom to experiment and fail

- Less dependable funding
- Less convening power
- A hole remains in government for enduring center of expertise and accountability
- It takes work to row in the same direction, adopting a common goal rather than working in parallel play for individual goals
- Classic, narrow trade association role doesn't fully capture all benefits to the Commonwealth, and may be policy disconnects

Thank you

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